

Expenditure on VVIPs Security

1072. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are concerned with the huge funds being spent on the security of VVIPs in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on the security of VVIPs during 1996-97;

(c) whether the Government are considering to curtail expenditure on security of VVIPs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Since Public Order and Police are State subjects, responsibility for providing security to the persons residing/present within their jurisdiction is that of the concerned State/UT. As such no information about expenditure incurred by different States on VVIP security is available with MHA or maintained. However, during 1996-97 Delhi Police incurred an expenditure of Rs. 9.55 crores for the security of the VVIPs. It is not possible to give the exact figures of expenditure incurred by SPG on the security of the PM as some items of expenditure like administrative infrastructure, training facilities, certain types of equipment, vehicles are common for the security of Prime Minister as well as for the security of former Prime Ministers. The approximate expenditure incurred on the security of PM and his family members by SPG during 1996-97 was Rs. 13.21 crores.

(c) and (d) Government have recently reviewed the security of the VVIPs and have taken certain measures to reduce the expenditure on the security of VVIPs further. The security of the VVIPs remain constantly under review and necessary changes are made/introduced from time to time.

[English]

Super Bazar

1073. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar has a panel of lawyers and senior counsels to deal with its cases apart from its Law officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof with schedule fees for each such advocate; and

(c) the number of cases handled by such advocates during each of the last three years against its own law officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, it has a panel of four lawyers/advocates besides having one law officer and one legal assistant in their employment, to deal with legal matters in Super Bazar. Services of specialists/senior advocates are availed of by the Super Bazar as and when need arises.

(b) Details of advocates on panel of Super Bazar alongwith the schedule of their fees are given in attached statement.

(c) The yearwise number of cases handled by the Super Bazar's own Law Officer and the panel of their advocates/lawyers for the last three years are as under:—

Year	Panel of advocates	Own Law Officer
1994	64	57
1995	71	56
1996	66	42

Statement

*Details of Advocates on Panel and the
Schedule of Fees*

1. Advocates on Panel of Super Bazar

	Name	Court	Retainership Fee
(1)	Sh. R. M. Bagai	High Court	Rs. 500(P.M.)
(2)	Sh. Prag Chawla	High Court	NIL
(3)	Sh. H.L. Dassi	Distt. Courts	NIL
(4)	Sh. C.P. Puri	Criminal Courts	NIL

2. Schedule of Fees**(A) High Court**

- (i) Per effective Hearing — Rs. 1100
- (ii) Per Non-effective Hearing — Rs. 300
- (iii) Drafting Charges per case — Rs. 250

(B) Distt. Courts

- (i) Per Effective Hearing — Rs. 88
- (ii) Per Non-effective Hearing — Rs. 66
- (iii) Drafting Charges per case — Rs. 250

**3. Specialist/Senior
Advocates/Consultants**

Senior Advocates are engaged in Supreme Court in important cases. In such cases the fee payable is settled with the prior approval of competent authority on individual basis depending upon the seniority and experience of Specialist Advocate/Consultant engaged.

Inclusion of Thachar in SC/ST List

1074. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revision of SC/ST list has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the 'Thachar' community and Bagada tribe have been included in the list;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to mitigate the hardship of the members of Thachar community who had been enjoying the status of SC till 1976?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Revision of Orders specifying the Lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has not yet been finalised.

(e) Benefits of Scheduled Castes can be availed of by the members of Thachar Community only when the community is included in the list of Scheduled Castes in accordance with Clause (2) of Article 341 of the Constitution of India.

Movement of Infiltrates and Insurgents

1075. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deployment of B.S.F. to guard the 839 kms long international border between Tripura and Bangladesh is adequate;

(b) if not, the number of battalions of BSF required to be deployed in Tripura for the purpose;

(c) the progress of work in fencing the Indo-Bangladesh border skirting Tripura;

(d) whether there is any plan to construct a border road from Khantlang to M.K. Para, the portion of the international border that runs along the Chitragong Hill tract of Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The existing deployment of BSF along the Tripura sector of the Indo-Bangladesh border is not considered adequate. However, due to commitments elsewhere it has so far not been possible to augment the BSF strength in this sector.

(c) No border fencing work has so far been taken up in Tripura.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. If the proposals under consideration are approved, it is expected that the border road from Khantlang to M.K. Para will be completed by 2001 AD.

Sunderbans

1076. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply of Unstarred Question No. 3590 dated 18.3.1997 regarding Sunderbans and state: